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Brakes on wheeling, zig-zag riding, shrill horns atop Chamundi Hill

Operation Chamundi to check public nuisance

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (SBD&BCT)- Summer holidays for educational institutions have forced the city Police to relaunch 'Operation Chamundi' to check public nuisance on the roads leading to Chamundi Hill including reckless driving, wheeling, zig-zag riding, shrill horns, altered silencers of both two-wheelers and four-wheelers. The target of the 'Operation' are College-going youths and also the young population who are out of College and the public. As it is a vacation time for students, they generally ride up atop the Chamundi Hill with their two-wheelers along with friends and indulge in dangerous acts such as wheeling and zig-zag riding.

"We have seen young lives being snuffed out due to reckless driving. Unfortunately, other people die or sustain injuries due to the carelessness of violators," Siddarthanagar Inspector Nataraj told *SOM* this morning

'Operation Chamundi' was conceptualised and implemented in 2010 by Krishnaraja (K.R.) Traffic Police to curb rash and negligent driving, consuming liquor and creating nuisance, to prevent all illegal activities and crimes from taking place atop the Hill. The public nuisance-curbing action was, however, lying dormant for many years.

Relaunched to rein in violators: The 'Operation Chamundi' was relaunched yesterday jointly by K.R. Traffic and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Stations. While the K.R. Traffic sleuths guarded the Uthanahalli Gate, Siddartha Traffic personnel manned the entries and exits near Thavarekatte Gate. These two are the main entry and exit points of the Hill.

(See CHAMUNDI on page 7)

Fire and Emergency Services Week

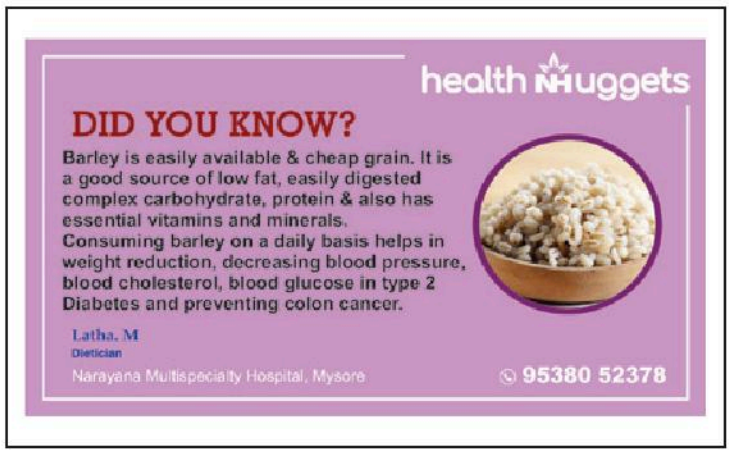
Cycle and bike rallies taken out

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (RKB & DM)- As part of Fire and Emergency Services Week, the Mysuru Division of Fire and Emergency Services Department, in association with a host of sponsor organisations, took out cycle and bike rallies in city this morning to create public awareness on safety and precautionary measures to be taken in case of fire mishaps and emergencies.

Titular head of erstwhile Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar flagged off the rallies with the theme 'Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity' in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate.

The rallies, with participants holding placards that carried messages on fire safety, passed through the main thoroughfares of the Central Business District and surrounding areas, before reaching the Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade, where a demonstration and stage programme were held.

(See RALLIES on page 7)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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 17th April 2022

Karaga Mahotsava from May 4

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The historical Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava (98th year), organised by Ittigegud's Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, will take place from May 4 to 8.

The Mahotsava will start with the performance of Abisheka at 6 am on May 4, following which a procession will be taken out from Ittigegud's Nagalakshmi temple, where all the associated rituals will be performed. Later, the Karaga will be taken to Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill and subsequently brought to Kote Mariyamma temple in the city, where the rituals will be held in accordance with the custom. The Utsava will be held on all the days from May 4 to 7 as per the usual tradition and practise.

The grand Karaga procession will be taken out from Renukadevi temple premises starting at 8 pm on May 7 and will pass through Palace Office road, Chamaraja Double road, N.S. road, Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao road, Mission Hospital road, Kabir road, Kalammagudi temple road, Irwin road, Kurubageri, Kumbarageri, Ashoka road, Nazarbad and Mysuru Zoo road, before returning to the temple premises at 9 am the next day morning (May 8). The procession will be accompanied by a host of cultural troupes, folk troupes and Band Set,.

For more details, call Mob: 95352-80830 or 99456-36860. according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Some time ago, the sibling of my son's schoolmate, a strapping youngster, succumbed to a sudden cardiac arrest. The same was the case with a paternal relative's son and a collegemate's daughter. The terrible thing in all these three cases was that they were all techies, in their late twenties. Needless to say, the work-related stress did play a wicked role in making them wave an early final adieu to the world. Recently, a cousin, rather in a lighter vein, was remarking, "In bygone years, the children used to chaperon the ailing parents to the hospitals. Now, it is the other way round!"

Well, if work stress is one possible culprit behind aforesaid petrifying tragedies, our firm fixation with feisty success (be it financial, academic or professional success) is yet another one. Even worse is our obsession with others' successes! A close buddy was once candidly confiding, "Whenever the promotion list gets released, I sense my heart pounding. Whether I have procured a promotion or not, the thought of my arch-rival bagging it ruffles me! Yes, I do know it isn't sane to affix such singular importance to one's success, subjecting oneself to so much mental stress."

Maybe, it is time we stopped obsessing over successes, and saw the value of a super healthy lifestyle, involving a great diet, sleep and fitness regimes. After all, the 'best gift' we can offer to our beloved ones is by keeping our body/mind 'in fine fettle' by which we can conquer anything. Sure, by staking our physical/mental health, and finally, our precious life itself, even if we achieve fabulous success, all of it would be nothing but a farcical self-defeating feat.

This apart, we should learn to say "So what" to umpteen things in life. Like, "No promotion?" So what! "No perks/incentives?" So what! "Getting ousted at the workplace?" So what! As none of these equates with our enormously 'valuable life'. Moreover, if one door of opportunity shuts, one path of success closes, or one avenue of happiness gets blocked, dozens of other doors/paths/avenues do open up. After all, as much of paradise is visible as we have the vision to see! *— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

12,000-year-old woolly mammoth tooth traced

Newburyport: The crew of a New Hampshire fishing boat was dredging for scallops when they pulled up something unexpected: a 12,000-year-old woolly mammoth tooth. The Portsmouth-based crew, known as the New England Fishmongers, said the 11-inch-long tooth was found off the coast of Newburyport, Mass.

Tim Rider, captain and co-owner of New England Fishmongers, took the 7-pound item to University of New Hampshire, where experts identified it. The woolly mammoth tooth has been put up for auction on eBay, where it has already received over 50 bids. At the time of writing, the highest bid was $7,300 (more than Rs. 5.5 lakh). Woolly mammoth, distant relatives of today's elephants, went extinct about 4,000 years ago.

Rare intact pterosaur fossil found

Scotland: Researchers in Scotland said a winged reptile fossil found on one of the country's islands is a previously unknown type of pterosaur and the largest ever discovered from the Jurassic period.

The University of Edinburgh team, which published its paper on the discovery in the journal Current Biology, said the pterosaur that lived about 170 million years ago was remarkably well-preserved when it was discovered in 2017 on the Isle of Skye, off Scotland's west coast. "Pterosaurs preserved in such quality are exceedingly rare and reserved to select rock formations in Brazil and China. It emerged from a tidal platform in Scotland," said the lead author of a paper.

The research team said the fossil, dubbed Dearc sgiathanach ("winged reptile" in Gaelic), had a wingspan of 8.2 feet. The size is far smaller than the 40-foot wingspan of pterosaurs discovered from the late Cretaceous period, but is the largest pterosaur discovered from the earlier Jurassic period.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Mechanical Thrombectomy is the latest endovascular treatment without surgery which can reverse/salvage brain tissue damage due to clogged arteries. This can be done within a time frame of 6 to 8 hours.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A R - Consultant Neurosurgeon
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy selected for Kadalishri Award

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The city's renowned Danseuse and Natyarani Shantala awardee Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be conferred 'Kadalishri' Award at a programme organised jointly by Kadali Mahila Vedike and Akhila Bharatha Sharana Sahitya Parishat at Navajyothi auditorium of JSS College in Saraswathipuram at 10.30 am tomorrow (Apr. 18), marking the anniversary of the Vedike.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chidananda Gowda will inaugurate the programme. Akhila Bharatha Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy will preside. ZP CEO B.R. Poornima, Sharana Sahitya Parishat City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah and District President Helavarahundi Siddappa will be present.

Marking the occasion, prosthetic equipment will be distributed to differently-abled persons.

The programme also features a Vachana Gayana by Shivarathreeshwara Akkana Balaga of Vijayanagar at 10 am, ahead of the start of the event.

Danseuse on Cultural Tour

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be on a six-month cultural tour to Europe and USA from April 2022 to September 2022. The noted danseuse has been invited to conduct Lecture Demonstrations, Workshops, Solo Performance and to prepare disciples for Rangapravesha by various Social and Cultural Organisations and to give Lecture Demonstrations at various Universities abroad.

She will be conducting workshop at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, London and present a solo performance in Bharathanatya Margam. She will be participating in the 75th year of India's Independence (Svarna Mahotsava) at London, Germany, France and USA presenting a dance feature on "Kittur Rani Chennamma."

She will be leaving Mysuru on Apr.19 and return from the US during the last week of Sept. 2022, according to a press release from T.R. Harish, Programme Coordinator, Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre Trust, Mysuru.

REALLY...?

- ***The highest cricket ground in the world: India is home to the highest cricket ground in the world which is pretty cool. Chail Cricket Ground is located in Chail, Himachal Pradesh. It was built in 1893, and is also used as a polo ground today. Located at a height of around 2,144m, Chail Cricket Ground rests 7,500 feet above sea level, so boasts some pretty incredible views.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boss: *Do you believe in life after death?*
Employee: *No, because there is no proof of it.*
Boss: *Well there is now !*
Employee: *How?*
Boss: *When you left yesterday saying that you have to go to your uncle's funeral, your uncle came here looking for you after you left !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.34
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.72
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.78
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.54

VOICE OF THE READER

Has rural India lost its innocence?

Sir,

The write-up by Dr. Javeed Nayeem titled ***'Brutalising doctors for doing good!'*** *(Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 10) portrays a very disturbing development of service in rural areas. He has referred to two incidents in which doctors with noble purpose of serving in rural India were subjected to attack by the local goons.

In one case, a doctor couple with two minor children had established a hospital in a remote and backward area of Rajasthan. Dr. Archana Sharma, a Gynaecologist, was hounded causing mental harassment by political goons for the death of a patient and in desperation finally she committed suicide.

The other case concerned Dr. Nilesh Maske, a Gynaecologist, who shunned a life of ease serving in a tiny village Tisgaon in Maharashtra, who was beaten black and blue and nearly lost his life for the death of a patient.

Both the cases concerned the death of patients suffering from a dreaded disease Post-Partum Haemorrhage and with best of effort could not save the lives.

It is a heart-wrenching and poignant account that raises a pertinent question of demoralising the doctors to work in rural areas.

According to findings of the World Bank, as of 2019, 66% of our rural population lives in rural areas and 70% of working force residing in rural areas contribute 40% of the national income. Survey also indicate that poverty level has come down.

At one level it is encouraging to note how rural India is playing an important role in development but at another level it appears the impression of rural life with its simplicity and innocence seem to be a thing of the past with a few exceptions.

The reason for this transformation is due to combination of factors. With the ushering of Panchayat Raj signifying decentralisation, improvement of rural infrastructure got a boost signifying emerging prominence of local leadership.

Along with this, political awareness took roots. With mobile culture and possession of vehicles, mostly two-wheelers, aspirations sky-rocketed and slowly it gave rise to crime, goon culture and political patronage became a reality.

It can be seen how this development can be linked to the cases of two doctors referred to above for it is a reflection of the imitation of what is happening in hospitals in big cities and urban areas.

No doubt the Government wants doctors to serve in the rural areas but unless some radical improvements in facilities along with widespread dissemination of information coupled with adequate Police infrastructure are established, it discourages private doctors with noble intentions to establish hospitals in rural areas.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana

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KSRTC introduces weekend

Airavat bus from Mysuru to Mumbai

Mysuru, Apr.17- In yet another addition to its service for the commuting public, the KSRTC has introduced Airavat Multi-Axle Club class bus service from Mysuru to Mumbai on weekends — Friday and Saturday from Mysuru and Saturday and Sunday from Mumbai.

The bus leaves Mysuru from Sub-urban bus stand at 1 pm on both the days (Friday and Saturday).

It will travel via K.R. Pet, Shravanabelagola, Channarayapatna, Hassan, Belur, Chikkamagalur, Kadur, Shivamogga, Harihar, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Nippani, Kolhapur and Pune to reach Mumbai.

On its return journey, the bus leaves Mumbai at 1 pm (Saturday and Sunday) and travel in the same route to reach Mysuru. The fare is fixed at Rs.1,520 per head.

Advance tickets can be booked through: *www.ksrtc.in,* according to a press release.

MCC pre-Budget meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Ahead of the presentation of the 2022-23 budget, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has convened a pre-Budget meeting at the MCC office at 11 am tomorrow (Apr.18).

The meeting will be chaired by In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra and will be attended by Corporators of all parties.

As the official tenure of Sunanda Palanetra ended on Feb.24, there was confusion whether Sunanda Palanetra who continues to be the Mayor as In-charge, has the power to present the budget and subsequently the MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy wrote to the Government seeking permission for budget presentation.

Now, the Municipal Administration Department has granted permission for the same, following which the MCC has convened a pre-budget meeting tomorrow.

The meeting is expected to fix the date for Budget presentation and to decide on who -— Finance Standing Committee Chairperson M.S. Shobha or the MCC Commissioner — will present the Budget.

Meanwhile, taking exception to Budget presentation, Leader of the Opposition in the MCC Ashwini Ananthu has written a letter to the MCC Commissioner asking him not to allow Budget presentation until the Mayor and Heads of all the Standing Committees are newly elected.

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NEWS BRIEFS

No weekend play

Due to non-availability of artistes of the repertory, who are currently on a Statewide tour for staging Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's play 'Parva', there will be no week-end play at Rangayana today (Apr.17). However, the week-end play will take place next Sunday (Apr. 24) as usual.

'Kudure Motte' play this evening

The city's Adamya Rangashaale will be enacting a socio-humoristic play titled "Kudure Motte" at Kuvempu Rangamandira located in Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust premises, Jayalakshmipuram, at 6.30 pm today (Apr.17). The play is written by Belur Krishnamurthy and directed by Vinod Mysuru. For more details, call Mob: 76192- 85513.

JSS announces PG 3rd sem results

JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science (Autonomous), Ooty Road, Mysuru, has announced the results of Post Graduate third semester exam held in March 2022. Results are available in College website [http:// www.jsscacs.edu.in or www.result. sscacs.edu.in]. Last date to obtain photocopy is Apr. 21 and last date for Challenge Valuation is Apr. 23, said Principal Prof. M.P. Vijayendrakumar.

Power disruption on Apr. 19

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Apr. 19 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Tilaknagar, Mission Hospital, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road, Doddavokkaligara Beedi, Inwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Olympia Theatre, Pulakeshi Road, Kailsapuram, Mandi Mohalla, surroundings of Rajkamal Talkies, Shivarampet, KR Hospital, Boti Bazar, Dhanvanthri Road, Veeranagere, Shivaji Road, Gandhinagar, Ganesh Nagar, Rajendranagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subhashnagar and NR Mohalla, according to a press release from Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,266.11 feet
Inflow	:	1,654 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,847.53 feet
Inflow	:	106 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

CESC Vigilance Wing lauded for probe in power theft cases

Mysuru, Apr.17 (RK)- The Police Officers attached to CESC's (Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation's) vigilance wing have earned praise for quick disposal of cases pertaining to power thefts reported from five districts coming under CESC jurisdiction — Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu.

The vigilance sleuths, upon coming to know of electricity thefts, conducted the investigations speedily, which has helped CESC in saving power.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, CESC Vigilance Cell Dy.SP Ansar Ali said that soon after receiving complaints or being alerted about any power theft, the Cell will seek the help of CESC technical wing to find out the duration and quantum of power theft. Later, the officers of the Cell will crackdown on offending owners of Domestic, Industrial and other Commercial property owners, who are at fault. Subsequently, the offender owners will pay up the penalty for their wrongdoing and thus save themselves from further legal action such as filing of FIR.

"More than 60 percent of the owners who are found guilty of power theft cough up penalty and thus save themselves from further legal actions, while the rest will contend the charges in the Court. However, the number of cases pertaining to power theft issues, most of which come up during Lok Adalats, is steadily on the decline with the Vigilance Cell always in alert and active mode," the Dy.SP noted.

Continuing, Ansar Ali said that every district coming under CESC has a separate Police Wing and officers are always on the lookout for any power thefts, be it Industrial, residential, commercial or individual, as one of the major challenges for CESC is power theft, which is causing losses to the company. Since the punishment for first time offenders is penalty, almost every offender is paying it without any contention in order to get rid of further legal action, he said adding that power theft cases are discovered more in Mysuru, when compared to other districts.

Ansar Ali further said that in appreciation of the efforts of the Vigilance Cell, the Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) presented a certificate of appreciation to the Cell during Lok Adalat held last month.

Scooterist killed in accident

Mysuru, Apr.17 (RK&DM)- A 58-year-old scooterist was killed when the two-wheeler he was riding was knocked down by a car from behind near SRS Colony, Hootagalli, Hunsur road on Friday evening.

Annaiah Nayaka, a resident of Hinkal in city is the deceased.

Annaiah Nayaka was riding his Honda Activa scooter from Hinkal towards Hootagalli at about 4.15 pm on Friday when a speeding Maruti Swift car coming from behind knocked him down near SRS Colony.

A seriously injured Annaiah Nayaka was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where he was declared brought dead. The V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Sacked Music Varsity employees threaten to launch hunger strike

Mysuru, Apr.17 (RKB&DM)- Urging for continuation of service and release of their salary dues, sacked contract employees of the city's KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, who are on an indefinite stir in front of the University campus on JLB road in Lakshmipuram for the past 53 days, have now threatened to launch a hunger strike if their just demands are not met.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Friday, Shantaraju, President of Dalit Welfare Trust, which has extended support for the ongoing strike, alleged that the State Government has turned a blind eye to the plight of the striking contract employees of the Music Varsity, who were all of a sudden removed from work in February last.

Accusing the Music Varsity authorities of acting in an arbitrary and apathetic manner, Shantaraju said that many representations made to concerned Ministers, MP and Legislators have yielded no result so far. As such, the sacked employees are forced to launch a hunger stir until the University takes them back to work, he said and urged the Government to come to their rescue. Writer N. Divakar, Trust office-bearers Chikkandani and Nanjundaswamy were present at the press meet.

Stray dogs attack sheep on city outskirts

Mysuru,Apr.17 (RK&DM)- Even as the authorities are ma-king efforts to end street dog menace in the city, the attack on sheep by street dogs is on the rise at Huyilalu village in the outskirts of the city.

Gram Panchayat member Ramesh told *Star of Mysore* that dog attacks on sheep is on the rise in the village. Noting that dogs are even attacking sheep tied in shelters, he said that dogs are attacking even shepherds who are returning home after taking the sheep to farms for grazing.

Maintaining that nearly 200 sheep have been bitten by stray dogs in the village in the past 3 months, Ramesh said that this has resulted in huge loss for sheep rearers.

Pointing out that several complaints in this regard to the PDO have proved futile as no action has been taken, he said that the people of the village are scared of being bitten by dogs whenever they venture out. The villagers are living in a sense of fear, he said and urged the authorities to take immediate action for ending street dog menace.

Two persons go missing

Mysuru, Apr. 17- H. Shreyas Kumar, a 23-year-old youth and a final year Post-Graduate student of a city college, has gone missing for the past 10 days.

Shreyas Kumar, who left his house at Gokulam 2nd Stage on the morning of Apr.6 saying that he was going to Nagamalai, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.He is round-faced, wheatish in complexion and medium built. Anyone who comes across any clues about the said missing youth can contact the Police on Ph: 0821- 2418316 or 2418339.

Nanjangud: Madhukumar, a resident of Devinagar in the town, has gone missing. The 30-year-old man, who left his house on Apr.9, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged at Nanjangud Town Police Station. Those having any clues about him can contact Mob: 97392-61626.

Obituary

Alhaj Syed Rafiulla Hussain

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Alijanab Alhaj Syed Rafiulla Hussain (83), retd. Mathematics Lecturer, President of Al-Badar Mosque, Rajivnagar, Mysuru and ex-President of MEWA, Mysuru, passed away yesterday evening following a brief illness at his residence in Rajivnagar here.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Al-Badar Masjid, Rajivnagar, followed by burial at Main Khabrasthan, behind Mysore Jail.

Condoled: MLA Tanveer Sait, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and other leaders have condoled his death.

Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Anwar Ahmed

Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Anwar Ahmed passed away last evening at his native place in Uttar Pradesh following brief illness. He had served at Subhani Saheb Khateeb-o-Imam Mohammadiya Masjid at Shanthinagar in Mysuru for many years.

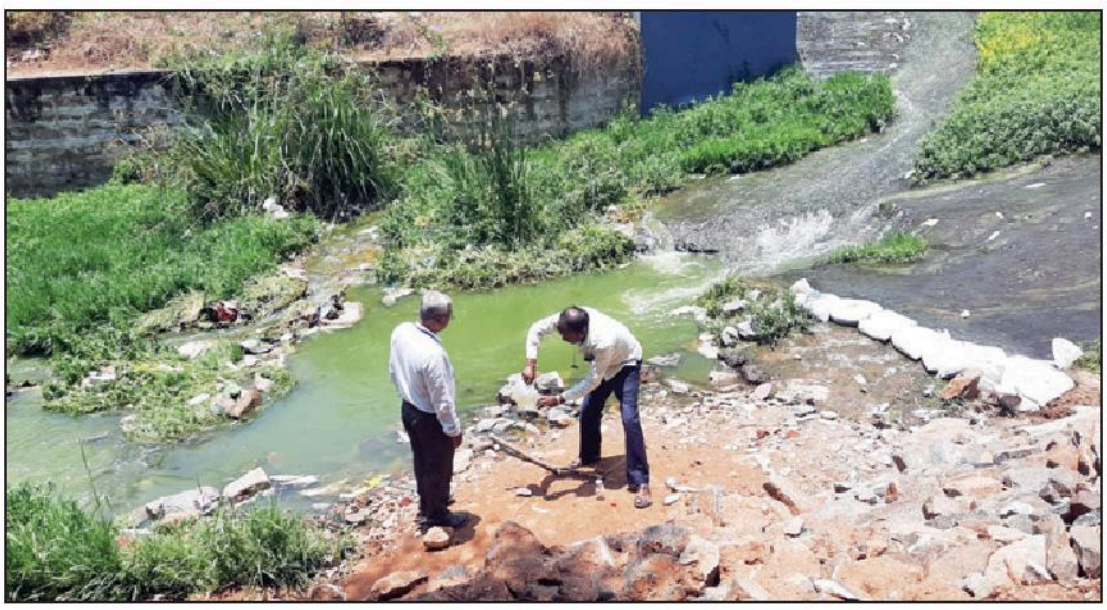
He leaves behind his wife, four daughters and two sons. Funeral took place today at his native in UP, according to sources.

Nanjangud: Mahadevaswamy (49), a Congress leader and former Gram Panchayat member, passed away here this morning following heart attack. A native of Chikkayyanachhatra Hobli in the taluk, he leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed at his native village tomorrow afternoon, according to family sources.

Tonnes of fish die at Hebbal Lake

Effluents flow unabated; turns fresh water green

Pollution Control Board officials collect samples; dead fish cleared using coracles, fish nets



Mysuru, Apr. 17 (BCT)- Woken up by thousands of dead and rotting fish at Hebbal Lake, officials from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) have collected samples of water that enters into the Lake. The heavy water with a heady mix of industrial effluents have caused the fish death, said residents and people who walk daily around the water body.

The untreated effluents are released directly into the Lake and though there are six Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) set up by the Infosys Foundation while rejuvenating the Lake by spending Rs. 105 crore, industries have been releasing poisonous water into the water body, choking it.

KSPCB Officer Geetha, Deputy Environment Officers Ramesh and Hameeda and team collected water samples from around the Lake and also collected samples where the largest concentration of fish death has occurred. Also, samples from the place where industrial effluents enter the Lake were gathered and information was collected on the sewage flow into the Lake from the residential localities around the Lake.

Photographing the evidence of sewage and industrial effluent flow, the officials said that they will be testing the samples at their laboratory and recommend the future steps to be taken. The exact cause for the fish death would be known only after the testing, Geetha said.

Tonnes of dead fish were cleared from the Lake using a couple of fibre coracles and fish nets. Analysing the death of fish, environment activists have pinned the blame on the polluting industries that release noxious water directly into the Lake. The STP set up by Infosys Foundation, collects 90 lakh litres of polluting water and releases the treated water every day into the Lake.

However, the quantity of poison water and sewage entering directly into the Lake is far more than the treated water and as such, the balance is lost, said Green activists. The administrative bodies like the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) that hands over land to the industries by charging a premium amount and KSPCB, that is supposed to check pollution in the area and penalise violators have failed in their duties, they alleged.

Due to uncontrolled release of sewage water and industrial waste water, the pure water in the Hebbal Lake that supports aquatic life, has turned greenish, the activists noted. "The catchment areas of the Lake have been converted into layouts and as such, rainwater does not enter into the Lake. Along with the industrial waste, sewage water from the residential areas combined with plastic waste is let out into the Lake and as a result, fish death will not stop," said eco-conscious people. If the industrial area and residential area rules are strictly enforced, such incidents can be avoided. But as all the rules are given a go-by by KSPCB and KIADB, the price has to be paid, they rued.

Mega Arogya Mela from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (SSM)- The Department of Health and Family Welfare has organised a Mega Arogya Mela in Mysuru, Nanjangud, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar taluks from Apr. 18 till Apr. 22.

Distribution of health cards to eligible beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka scheme will be taken up at the Mela.

Screening will be held for diabetes, blood pressure, respiration, malaria, dengue, tuberculosis and cancer.

The Mela is organised at following venues on different days:

On Apr. 18 at K.R Nagar General Hospital.

Apr. 19 at Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital in Mysuru, Junior College on Gonikoppa Road in Periyapatna taluk and Hunsur Government Hospital.

Apr. 21 at Nanjangud Government Hospital.

Apr. 22 at H.D Kote and T. Narsipur Government Hospitals, according to a press release from District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad.

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SVANidhi Samriddhi Mela in city on Apr.18

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA), in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be conducting PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar scheme) — Samriddhi Mela at Town Hall in the heart of the city at 10 am tomorrow.

The Mela is aimed at reaching out eight prominent initiatives of the Union Government under the scheme for street vendors and other beneficiaries. Officials from the MCC, Food and Civil Supplies Department, District Lead Bank, Health and Family Welfare Department, Women and Child Development Department, Labour Welfare Department will take part.

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Mysore Airport runway expansion set to take off

Cabinet releases Rs. 319.13 crore; decks cleared for land acquisition

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (BCT)- Just weeks after he presented the State Budget where he had announced that the Mysore Airport Runway Expansion will be taken up along with the Centre, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has released Rs. 319.13 crore for the project.

The consent to the project was given on Apr. 16 and the fund sanction will give a big boost to business in the Mysuru region. The Airport is located at Mandakalli on the outskirts of the city and is spread over 490 acres. The land will be acquired by the State Government and it will be handed over to the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The expanded runway where planes like Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 can land, a full-fledged 10-lane Economic Corridor between Mysuru and Bengaluru and Container Corporation of India's (CONCOR) Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Kadakola are expected to be a game-changer for the region. It will build economic and industrial activities and also give a boost to tourism and education.

At present, only ATR-72 type planes can land at Mysore Airport that has a length of 1,740 metres and a breadth of 30 metres. To facilitate the landing of bigger planes, the runway must be expanded to 2,750 metres and its breadth has to extend up to 45 metres. Over 240 acres of additional land is required for the expansion.

The final notification has been issued for land acquisition with respect to 160.5 acres. In all, 206 acres and 22.5 gunta land has to be acquired. Preliminary notification will be issued for acquiring the remaining land and the State Cabinet has fixed compensation at the rate of Rs. 1.5 crore per acre.

KSSIDC as the nodal agency

Initially, the AAI had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for land acquisition. Now, the Cabinet has made the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC) Limited as the nodal agency that will oversee the transfer of land to AAI and also the expansion works.

The runway expansion project was mooted over 10 years ago and of the 240 acres of land required for the project, the KIADB had given the final notification for acquisition of 160 acres. But as per the rates and the demand from landowners, each acre had to be paid a compensation of Rs. 1.5 crore.

The process that was stuck till now will get momentum with the release of Rs. 319.13 crore. Also, the project is expected to be speeded up as there is no fund crunch and the landowners are willing to part with the land as their demand for a higher price has been met.

Underpass on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway

The expansion of the Airport is dependent on extending the runway which in turn depends on the 500-metre to 600-metre-long underpass that will be built on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway.

This is because the alignment of the runway and the Highway bisect each other. The underpass idea was mooted as the road diversion was an expensive proposition. Once the underpass is constructed, the Highway will pass below the extended runway.

The underpass will be constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the estimated project cost of Rs. 700 crore has also been factored in the cost of the underpass. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has already given the security clearance for the underpass.

Will result in comprehensive development of Mysuru: MP

MP Pratap Simha seen discussing with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (BCT)- "I have been trying for five years to get the State Government to release funds. In the process, I met three Chief Ministers. I thank Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Housing and Infrastructure Minister V. Somanna for the release of funds for the long-awaited project," said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

The extended runway means bigger flights so that the Airport sees development and upgradation. Also, this will give a much-needed boost to the comprehensive development of Mysuru and surrounding regions, he added.

The Centre has already earmarked Rs. 700 crore for the runway expansion project. An additional Rs. 400 crore will be needed for the underpass. "We are also looking at deviating the existing Nanjangud Highway instead of constructing an underpass. All these will be subsequently decided," the MP added.

"The Mysore Airport was once a land for grazing cattle as there were no flights. Now, nine flights are operating on a daily basis and very soon we will have bigger planes landing here. 20 years ago, Pune was under the shadow of Mumbai. It gained an independent status after a highway was built and Pune saw unprecedented development. Similarly, Mysuru will come out of the Bengaluru shadow and will have an identity of its own with the Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane highway and a full-fledged airport," he said.

Along with the development, there is a need to ensure basic facilities and efforts are on to create Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike to include various City Municipal Councils, Town Panchayats and Gram Panchayats into Mysuru City Corporation's fold.

"We need to have a clean and well-planned Mysuru and in this direction, the legacy waste at Vidyaranyapuram has to be cleared and this will be completed in another four months," he said.

'Process will be speeded up'

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (BCT)- Expressing happiness over the release of funds for Airport expansion land acquisition, Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath said that now that the land issue will surely be sorted out, the runway expansion process will be speeded up.

R. Manjunath

"Due to MP Pratap Simha's persistent efforts, we are seeing good results today. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) had entered into an agreement with the Karnataka Government in 2005 and 2012 and accordingly, the State had agreed to give the land for future developments free of cost. The AAI has agreed for the underpass proposal on Nanjangud Highway so that vehicles can proceed below the expanded runway. Even the security clearance has been obtained," Manjunath said.

The security clearance has been given after the soil strength has been tested and certified. After the runway is expanded further to 1,010 metres (total 2,750 metres), international flights with bigger carriers can land in Mysuru, he added.

Fire and Emergency Services Week rallies

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A mock drill and demonstration on the preventive, precautionary and safety measures to be taken during fire mishaps, use of fire extinguishers and handling of other fire fighting equipment were held at Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade premises.

Public were given a demonstration on what to do during mishaps due to electric short circuits and other electric fires in buildings, usage of LPG cylinders, extinguishing of fire in gas cylinder explosions, extinguishing of fires in buses, Lifts and Elevators, Forest fires etc.

A blood donation camp was organised in association with Apollo BGS Hospitals.

Representatives of all sponsor organisations and a few Fire Officers were felicitated on the occasion.

Also, a one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect for Fire Servicemen who died while on duty.

Mysuru Division Chief Fire Officer P.S. Jayaramaiah, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, Regional Fire Officers C. Chandana, Gururaj, Ganga Nayak and K.P. Naveen Kumar, Dr. Satish Kumar Reddy of Apollo Hospital, Bank Note Paper Mill India Officer N.C. Thyagaraj and others were present at the awareness programme.

Fire personnel conducting a mock drill at Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade this morning. Picture right shows Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar flagging off Fire and Emergency Services Week rallies at Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple premises here this morning.

Mayor takes Fire officials to task

In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, who was also one of the guests at the Fire and Emergency Services Week event at Palace North Gate today, took the Fire officials to task for insulting her by allowing the rallies to be flagged off before her arrival.

Sunanda Palanetra

Sunanda, who was to arrive at the venue at 7 am, was reportedly a bit late. But the Fire Department officials, after waiting for some time, started the cycle and bike rallies, assuming that the Mayor may not attend. But Sunanda, who arrived at the venue, was furious to know that the rallyists had already left. Later, she took Chief Fire Officer Jayaramaiah and others to task. After failing to convince her, the Fire Officers apologised to her saying that a communication gap had led to this, it is learnt.

Operation Chamundi relaunched

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The duration of the Operation Chamundi will be from 6 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 7 pm. The rest of the time will be managed by the regular beat Police. Yesterday, ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi and Gangadharamurthy, Inspectors Manjunath and Nataraj along with their teams took part in the drive.

Today too, the senior officers were present on the roads to Chamundi Hill and they were seen briefing the staff about the Operation.

"We have seen in the past accidents peaking during summer holidays atop the Chamundi Hill. Also, of late, we have received many complaints of the youths being a nuisance to the public, families and also girls. This month-long operation will be conducted daily till the college season starts," Nataraj said.

The intention of the drive is to save lives. "Spot fines are levied on violators and if the silencer is altered, such vehicles are asked to change the silencers on-the-spot and if they do not agree, the vehicles are seized. Even the silencers of four-wheelers are checked if they are modified. In a day yesterday, eight cases were booked at Thavarekatte Gate ," he added.

Thousands witness Maharathotsava at B.R. Hills

Yelandur, Apr. 17 (NR&TRR)- Thousands of devotees from Chamarajanagar and other districts, and also from neighbouring States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, witnessed the 'Maharathotsava' of Sri Biligiriranganatha Swamy at B.R. Hills, also famous as Dakshina Tirupati, on Saturday.

The Maharathotsava, which could not be held during the past 5 years because of temple renovation works and COVID-19 pandemic, was celebrated with traditional gaiety and grandeur this year. Thousands of devotees pulled the chariot of Sri Biligiriranganatha Swamy with devotion and chanting 'Govinda, Govinda.'

The holy rituals started early at 5 in the morning with Kalyanotsava. At the auspicious Karkataka Lagna Chandranavaamsha from 12.10 to 12.22, the Utsava Murty of Sri Biligiriranganatha Swamy along with those of Sridevi and Bhoodevi were hoisted at the chariot after which the Maharathotsava was flagged off.

Hundreds of Policemen ensured that the passage of Maharathotsava was smooth and hassle free. The Maharathotsava started westwards and reached its destination at 1.15 pm.

As the chariot moved on, devotees chanted 'Govinda, Govinda.' Farmers offered their produce to the presiding deity by throwing them at the chariot, women threw coins as their offerings while newly-wed couples offered havana and banana.

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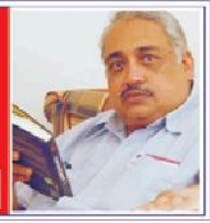

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Of Men and Beasts!

There was a report two days ago that the elephant safari at the **Bandipur National Park,** which had been stopped for some years, would be resumed soon. This, I am told, is to put to good use the excess number of tamed elephants that are now overcrowding the nearby Rampura elephant camp and exceeding the permissible number there. **While the accommodation there is only for fifteen elephants as per a High Court directive, the camp reportedly has twenty-three elephants right now.**

The elephant safari had been stopped because of some logistic difficulties at Bandipur and a lack of sufficient water to keep the pachyderms happy there. Now, with good rains over the past four years, and the sufficient availability of water, this safari is being resumed.

It was hugely popular with all visitors to Bandipur over the years as it would offer a slow and leisurely ride on elephant-back across the deeper reaches of the park to which vehicles did not have access. It resulted in better sightings too because unlike noisy vehicle safaris, it did not disturb the animals.

There were two versions of it, with one lasting just twenty minutes and the other lasting an hour. **To me even the longer one used to seem too short because it used to be such an enjoyable experience.** Although it is still not clear which version of it is going to be made available, it is still heartening news that this **'Jumbo Safari'** is going to be resumed soon.

Elephant safaris which are unique to Indian wildlife sanctuaries, have always been the star attraction for wildlife enthusiasts visiting them because in addition to their novelty of recreating an experience from the days of our royalty, and because as I have already said, they invariably offer better sightings of wildlife. Their much elevated perspective, as compared to what jeeps and buses can offer, is clearly an added advantage.

The biggest benefit however, as I see it, is that because of their very limited seating and also because the riders are forewarned not to be noisy, for fear of irritating their 'live vehicles', they offer a very tranquil experience! You will not have any of the screaming and shouting that jar your senses and mar your pleasure the moment an animal or bird is sighted, when you are in a safari jeep or bus. So, with this kind of safari all set to reopen, I am looking forward once again to an experience that I used to immensely enjoy in the past.

[Pic. courtesy: Internet]

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On the lighter side, I would like to point out here that I once had a slightly unnerving experience when the young male elephant I was riding, instead of sticking to its traditional, trodden path, started going in pursuit of a young female that it saw grazing in the depths of the forest. Our mahout had a pretty difficult time in coaxing and cajoling it to stop being a wayward Casanova and return to its assigned, more sedate duties. It is not surprising that animals are so much like humans!

While talking of Bandipur, which enjoys a very prime location between Mysuru and Ooty, the two most sought-after tourist hubs in the region, I am sad to say that by way of the basic facilities that tourists need, it lacks them miserably. Except for those who have a reservation for accommodation, all the other tourists are left to fend for themselves, with absolutely no place to eat, rest or even relieve themselves in a time of need as they are not allowed to use the toilets close to the reception area. **The result is what is inevitable.**

Basic biological need overtakes modesty and decorum and you can see people peeing against tree trunks all along the road that traverses the park. The dormitories and cottages too are in a most miserable state with almost no maintenance and upkeep. The catering facilities were never good at any time and I don't think they are any better now.

I wonder whether this sad state of affairs is deliberately orchestrated to discourage visitors, with the lofty and noble idea of not disturbing the wildlife there!

In contrast, the **Mudumalai National Park,** just across the Tamil Nadu border, boasts of better facilities which although basic, are much more dignified and tourist-friendly. Moreover, because they have always had an elephant safari and because their rates even for the jeep and bus safari are considerably lower than what visitors pay on this side of the border, they are doing brisk business. Our Forest and Tourism Department authorities can perhaps learn a few lessons in management from them.

Talking of men and elephants, I would like to point out another kind of interaction between the two of God's creations. I am referring to the ongoing man-animal conflict that is raging in areas where agricultural lands abut forested areas. Although it has always been there, of late it has become the nidus of a bitter confrontation with no end in sight. It is so bad in some coffee growing areas of Kodagu and Hassan Districts that all agricultural and plantation activities have almost come to a standstill since the last three years.

People are being mauled to death by elephants on a regular basis and the fear of death haunts all those who live there. Estate workers are steadily migrating away to safer areas, badly hampering local commerce and economy.

In this very serious matter, successive Governments have all seemed to be in a state of deep slumber and have done almost nothing concrete with a sense of determination to end the problem. This already ugly situation, which when you come to think of it is actually a 'man versus man' conflict, between agriculturists and over-zealous animal rights activists, is all set to take an uglier turn.

While the agriculturists aver that they have the right to eke out their livelihood unmolested, on the lands they rightfully own, the animal rights activists, whose numbers are increasing, aver that animals too have a right to unmolested existence. **The poor animals on their part, simply cannot understand why they cannot graze on the other side of the fence where the grass seems greener and the fruits seem so abundant and luscious.** So, they think nothing of intruding onto what attracts them most. It is clearly a case of forbidden fruit always seeming more tempting and when the first man on earth could not resist it, how can we humans expect animals to keep away from it?

So, the plain truth is that animal instincts always have an upper hand, irrespective of whether they dwell in animals or humans!

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Staff-Student Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament on Apr.18 and 19

Mysuru, Apr. 17- JSS Science and Technology University, Construction Technology and Management, Civil Engineering and Department of Physical Education, is organising the "Mysuru Zone Inter Collegiate Staff-Student Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament 2021-22" of the Department of Construction Technology and Management and Civil Engineering Department on Apr. 18 and 19 at SJCE Football Grounds.

The Engineering Colleges of VVCE Mysuru, VVIET Mysuru, PESCE Mandya, CIT Kodagu, MRIT Mysuru, ATME Mysuru, NIE Mysuru, MIT Tandavapura, MIT Mysuru, MYCEM Mysuru and Host University Teams are expected to participate in the Championship.

The Championship will be inaugurated by S. Sudhakar Rai, Convener, KSCA Mysuru Zone on Apr. 18 at 9 am. Prof. A. N. Santhosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor (Acting), JSS Science and Technology University will preside over the function.

For further details, contact M.S. Sunil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of CTM on Mob: 99725-95456 or Dr. C. Revanna, Physical Education Director and Convener on: 81059-49014.

Free summer camp for girls at Shakthidhama

Actor Shivrajkumar to inaugurate tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Shakthidhama Women Rehabilitation Centre has organised a free summer camp for girls aged 6 to 13 years at Shakthidhama premises, near JSS College, Ooty Road, from Apr. 18 to 24 between 10 am and 4 pm. The camp will be for girl children residing in and around Shakthidhama. They will be engaged in events like making clay arts, desi games, singing, story-telling, patriotic songs, folk songs etc.

Actor Shivrajkumar will inaugurate the camp tomorrow at 3.30 pm at Shaktidhama.

Shaktidhama President Geetha Shivrajkumar will preside. Vice-President Kempaiah (retired IPS Officer), Managing Trustee G.S. Jayadeva and Treasurer M.N. Sumana will be the chief guests.

Sanchalana Mysore President and Camp Director Deepak Mysore will be present. For details call Ph: 0821-2484371.

Special lectures on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar held

'Babasaheb is like a God'

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (PM&TRR)- "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is not with us today physically but the ideology propagated by him will remain with us forever," said Sri Arjun Avadootha Maharaj of Mysuru.

"Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar is like a God. I grew up listening to his teachings and ideologies. We are fortunate to have a thinker like him and no other country has a leader of his stature. The Constitution given by him is equivalent to Bhagavadgita. All of us should give importance to humanity and everyone should have good education. This was his dream", said Arjun Guruji.

He was speaking after inaugurating a special lecture programme organised by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research Centre at its Cauvery Auditorium on Saturday to mark Dr. Ambedkar's 131st birth anniversary celebrations.

Delivering the special lecture on the occasion, Vadiraj, writer and social activist, said that India was vibrant when Dr. Ambedkar was alive and is ten times more vibrant now. "Dr. Ambedkar was always frank and forthright in expressing his opinions. The humiliations he suffered during his childhood led to him to search for their solutions as he thought his humiliations are not just his own but of a larger community of oppressed and exploited people. He gave a great Constitution for modern India and didn't just give reservations but also wanted their proper and effective implementation. But now we see the misuse of the reservation system using fake certificates," he rued and concluded by saying that at the end of the day we are all Indians and nothing else.

Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor, KSOU, presided. Prof. R. Rajanna, Registrar, Dr. Shivakumaraswamy of KSOU Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research Centre and others were present.

'Conserve environment to make Ambedkar Jayanti meaningful'

Mysuru, Apr.17 (SBD&TRR)- Avadootha Sri Vinay Guruji of Chikkamagalur's Gowrigadde Ashram has called upon people to celebrate the birthday of Visionary and Social Reformer Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in a meaningful way by making efforts to conserve environment.

He was delivering a discourse on 'Manava Dharma-Shreshta Dharma,' at a function organised by Gowrigadde Ashram at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall on Hunsur Road here on Thursday.

Describing the Constitution given by Dr. Ambedkar as the 'Gita' of *Kaliyuga,* he said that certain laws in the Constitution are protecting the exploited sections of the society. Similarly, there is a need now to protect the environment which is being exploited by everybody, he said and appealed people to protect the environment by planting more trees and by adopting birds and animals.

"Dr. Ambedkar was concerned about the exploitation of people and thought about improving their living conditions, observed that they are deprived of education and absence of any laws to give them education. Without any media help, he united all sections of exploited people and created awareness and fought against the evils without any weapon. He used the weapon of knowledge to understand the various issues and gave the Constitution. He was a man of values. Like Brahma is accepted as the Creator, people who accept the Constitution should also accept Dr. Ambedkar as Brahma," the Guruji opined.

"We should not confine great men to just photo frames. If we imbibe their preaching and ideologies, everything will be fine on its own. Our ancestors might have exploited some sections of the society and it is possible that we too must have exploited some. So we must all atone now for our past deeds," he noted.

Prior to this, artistes performed light music and folk dance. Master Anand anchored the programme. Raniprabha, Prakash and others were present.

'Ambedkarism' is nothing but following the principles of the Constitution: VC

Mysuru, Apr.17 (RKB&DM)- University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the present generation should understand Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's life by reading his writings and speeches.

He was speaking at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 131st birth anniversary celebration organised by the UoM's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre at the Centre premises in Manasagangothri here on Thursday.

Observing that independent India seems to be not moving on the path shown by Dr. Ambedkar, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that our Constitution protects the right of every individual.

Pointing out that Mysore University has one of the highest number of SC/ST students, he said that he feels personally happy that the researchers from these communities are being provided scholarship by UoM.

Former State Backward Classes Commission Chairman Dr. C.S. Dwarakanath, who delivered a special lecture on the topic 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the present scenario', opined that the only solution for the country's political, social, economic and justice crisis lies in following the principles laid down by Dr. Ambedkar.

Contending that 'Ambedkarism' is nothing but following the principles of the Constitution, he argued that the Constitution, apart from being human centric, is also life centric as it seeks to uphold the rights of all living creatures and as well as nature. As such, Ambedkarism seems to be the only remedy for all problems that humans and humanity are currently facing, Dr. Dwarakanath contended.

Ph.D awardees and top rankers of Post-Graduate and Under-graduate courses of UoM were feted on the occasion.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa presided. Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnanaprakash, SC/ST Special Cell Deputy Registrar Prof. S. Mahadevamurthy, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre Director Dr. S. Narendrakumar and others were present.

'Bharat Ratna's dream of reservation for women remains unfulfilled"

Mysuru, Apr. 17 (MTY&DM)- Former High Court Judge Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das regretted that Dr. B.R, Ambedkar's dream of providing 50 percent reservation for women has still remained unfulfilled even after 75 years of independence.

Nagamohan Das

He was speaking at *Bharat Ratna* Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's 131st birth anniversary celebration organised by the District Administration at Kalamandira on Hunsur road here on Apr. 14.

Condemning the successive Governments for their failure to announce 50 percent reservation for women as envisioned by Dr. Ambedkar, Justice Nagamohan Das noted that though we are propagating the principles of the Father of the Constitution, we are doing little to create awareness among public on his ideas and thoughts. Stressing on the need for educating public on the underlying principles of the Constitution, he opined that identifying Dr. Ambedkar based on caste is an insult to him. Maintaining that it was Ambedkar who lent voice to the voiceless, downtrodden and oppressed sections of the society, he said that the present reservation for women, whatever the quantity may be, is because of Dr. Ambedkar.

Calling upon political parties to pass the 50 percent women representation bill in Parliament, he contended that leaders of all political parties should lend their support to the Bill, so that it can be passed in the Parliament.

Bemoaning that the caste and class system has not been eradicated even after decades of independence, Justice Nagamohan Das said it is high time that the masses are educated on the provisions and principles of the Constitution.

BAI Mysore bags Best Centre Award

U.M. Gurushanthappa adjudged Best State Chairman

Mysuru, Apr. 17- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, has been adjudged as the Best Centre amongst more than 170 Centres across India and U.M. Gurushanthappa has been declared as the Best State Chairman for 2020-21.

The awards were given in the recently held Annual BAI National Convention held in Mahabalipuram at Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay.

State Chairman 2020-21 U.M. Gurushanthappa, State Secretary 2020-21 N. Subramanya, BAI Mysore Chairman 2020-21 M.Rathnaraj, Hon Secretary 2020-21 V. Nagaraj Bairy and other office-bearers were present while receiving the awards.

BAI Mysore during 2020-21 in spite of very challenging situation due to COVID pandemic had conducted several activities which helped the construction fraternity, construction workers and public at large. Distribution of food and health kits to stranded labours during lockdown, allowing its premises to City Corporation for COVID tests, donating a PSA Oxygen producing plant worth Rs. 25 lakh to Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital in association with Mysore Builders Charitable Trust and CREDAI Mysore, Adopting and maintaining a park, tree plantation programmes, World Environment Month Celebrations apart from conducting many other activities along with its Flagship events BuildTech and MyBuild online exhibition.

BAI in Karnataka State during 2020-21 witnessed progress with new chapters opened at Chikamagalur and Mandya, a new centre of Spoorthi the ladies wing of BAI opened in Hassan, for the first time a mega construction expo held in Hassan and construction related grievances were addressed across the State with Gurushanthappa as BAI Karnataka State Chairman and N. Subramanya as BAI State Secretary during 2020-21.

Prof. CDN Memorial Day at Dhvanyaloka

Prof. CDN

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The Annual "Prof. CDN Memorial Day" was organised at Sally Sage Mc Alpin Auditorium in Dhvanyaloka on Bogadi Road on Apr.12 .

The highlight was "CDN Memorial Lecture" and conferment of "CDN Memorial Award", both instituted in honour of this outstanding scholar-teacher who did yeoman service to the cause of Literature in various capacities during his long, illustrious life.

Prof. C.N. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka, noted how even when the event was observed as "Memorial Day", it was in actuality an "auspicious" day for everyone gathered there. It was auspicious because we were in fact "celebrating" the great achievements of a distinguished teacher, he said.

The Memorial Award carrying a shawl, a memento, a citation and a cash of Rs.10,000 was conferred on Prof. Bijay Kumar Das, former Professor of Burdwan University, who has established himself as a reputed scholar, teacher, critic, editor and organiser of hundreds of seminars and conferences.

Following the felicitation ceremony was the Book Launch of two of Dhvanyaloka Publications: ***1)*** The Literary Criterion (a Critical Quarterly) and ***2)*** In An Ant…ique Land and Other Essays by Ragini Ramachandra (Text) & S. Ramachandra (Photographs).

The Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Das was on "Rethinking Sitayana: A Transplant from the Ramayana". It was a critical appraisal of Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar's work titled "Sityana: Epic of the Earth-born."

Cinerama-2022: Renowned Actor-Director Raj B. Shetty distributes Awards

Mysuru, Apr. 17- The two-day National Level Short Film Festival "Cinerama - 2022" organised by the Department of Visual Communication, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, concluded on Apr.9.

Renowned, Actor and Director Raj B. Shetty, who was the chief guest at the valedictory function, gave away the awards to the winners of various categories.

In his address, Raj Shetty shed light on how the instinct of story-telling and listening is innate to human beings. Further citing the image of people watching a single screen at the cinema he added that there are many reasons to divide the society but it is the power of the story/film that unites people.

Sharing his experience of how his "Ondu Motteya Kathe" evolved while also transforming his own personality, he advised the young film enthusiasts to delve deep into the making of their films and not get carried away by the fame that they might acquire over time.

Shortlisted top 10 short films were screened during the fest. The overwhelming response from budding filmmakers from various States of the country and abroad crossed 75 entries from over 50 institutions and Universities. Prizes including certificates, mementoes and cash awards were given to the participants.

Vaishali Hanumanth and C.R. Hanumanth, Proprietors of DRC Cinemas, were the guests of honour. Jury members S. Ravi Shankar, film-maker & music director and Ramesh Athani, Cinematographer, were felicitated on the occasion.

Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita Mysuru, presided. Br. Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. Moulya Baladi, Chairperson, Department of Visual Communication and others were present on the occasion.

Award Winners

Best Short Film - First place: Rithun Chacko Itty (Nanni- Malayalam), Rs. 10,000 cash prize, Trophy and Certificate.

Best Short Film - Second place: Vaishnav Ashok (Be Selin- Malayalam), Rs. 7,000 cash prize, Trophy and Certificate.

Best Short Film - Third place: Gedela Mohana Vamsi (The Monkey Which Tried to Tame the Oxygen Bomb- Bengali), Rs. 5,000 cash prize, Trophy and Certificate.

Best Titles (Special Category Awards): Rs. 4000, Trophy and Certificate for each category.

Best Editor: Hari (TN 37- Tamil). **Best Director:** Rithun Chacko Itty (Nanni- Malayalam).

Best Cinematographer: Keerthi Vasan (Pushpa Lodge- Kannada). **Best Performer:** Jithin Babu (Boo- Malayalam). **Jury's Special Mention Award:** Pushpa Lodge (Kannada).

Separate category of Amrita Awards were given to the students of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Mysuru Campus to encourage and keep the spirit film-making.

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		11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3.00 pm
		5.45 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.30 pm
		9.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Beast (Ta)	:	8.00 am, 11.20 am, 2.40 pm,
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		6.00 pm, 6.15 pm, 6.25 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.40 pm,
		9:50 pm, 10:00 pm
Beast (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 3.00 pm, 9:45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Spectacular Pink Moon-2022 !

On the Full Moon Day yesterday (Apr. 16), the spectacular 'Pink Moon' too appeared on the sky shining at its peak at 12.15 am, that is on Apr. 17. Interestingly, this time the 'Pink Moon' will be visible the whole weekend making it even more spectacular.

The yearly 'Pink Moon' is also said to be a Supermoon, which means it comes a little bit closer to the Earth while orbiting during this period. This makes it look bigger and brighter, making it a Supermoon. The 'Pink Moon' is also known by other names such as 'Sprouting Grass Moon', 'Growing Moon', 'Fish Moon' and 'Hare Moon.''

This picture was sent to *Star of Mysore* this morning by one of its readers Sagar Suresh of Bogadi, who is a Mechanical Engineer by profession and pursuing photography as his hobby.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 17)

- **Sri Someshwaraswamy Temple and Sri Siddalingeshwaraswamy Temple:** Sri Siddalingeshwaraswamy's 19th anniversary and Utsava, launch of procession by former MLA M.K. Somashekar, Temple premises, Ooty Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt:** 22nd Annual Mahotsava of Brahmasthana Temple in the presence of Amma's senior most disciples Pujya Swami Ramakrishnananda Puri and Pujya Swami Amritageetananda Puri, Mahasudharshana Homa, **5 pm;** Arti followed by Mahaprasada, Amritanandamayi Mutt, Bogadi II Stage, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali - Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple:** Sri Ramotsava Cultural Programmes, Bhajans by Raga Samvardhini Mahila Sangha of Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, **6 pm;** music recital by Vidushi Vibha Srinidhi and troupe from Chennai, Temple premises, Chamundipuram, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Janaki Rama Mandira:** Sri Ramanavami, Bhajans by Gayathri Mahila Samaja of Srirampua, Mandira premises, #83, Gollageri, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Sita Rama Mandira:** 106th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Violin Duet by Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Vid. Dr. Mysore Manjunath accompanied by Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga, Vazhappally R. Krishnakumar on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Telugu Samskritika Samithi (TSS):** Discourse on 'Sanatana Dharma - Visishtatha, Aacharana' in Telugu by Vedic Scholar Brahmasri Samavedam Shanmukha Sharma of Hyderabad, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishnaru Mattu Adhyatmika Jeevana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Gayatridevi Temple, Mysore Palace Fort:** Kalasha Sthapane and Gayatridevi Homa, Maha Ganapati Puja, Navagraha & Mandala Puja, Temple premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava celebrations, Discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retired Engineer, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Classical Music by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram accompanied by Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on ghata, Alamma Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashaale:** Staging of *Kudure Motte,* written by Belur Krishnamurthy, directed by Vinod Mysuru, Kuvempu Rangamandira, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Kannada & Culture Department and Vijaya Vittala Institutions:** Staging of Shakespeare's play *'A Midsummer Night's Dream,'* directed by Jeevan Kumar Heggodu, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 18)

- **Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage :** World Heritage Day - Heritage Walk for students and researchers, Town Hall, **7 am.**
- **Sri Gayatridevi Temple, Mysore Palace Fort:** 69th annual Sri Gayatridevi Vardhanti, Gayatridevi Homa, **7.30 am;** Maha Mangalarathi, Temple premises, **1 pm.**
- **Shakthidhama Women Rehabilitation Centre:** Free summer camp for girls aged 6 to 13 years — clay arts, desi games, singing, story telling, patriotic songs, folk songs, Shakthidhama premises, near JSS College, Ooty Road, **10 am to 4 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali - Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple:** Sri Ramotsava Cultural Programmes, Bhajans by Shruthi Mahila Samaja of Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am;** Bhajans by Sri Krupa Kala Balaga, **6 pm;** Violin duet by Vid. K.J. Dilip and Vidu. Ila S. Dilip from Chennai, Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga, Vid. T.S. Gopi Shravan on morching, Temple premises, Chamundipuram, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Basudeva Somani College, The Institute of Education Trust:** Celebration of 131st Dr. B.R Ambedkar Jayanti, Srirangapatna Deputy Superintendent of Police Sandesh Kumar inaugurates, Trust President and Managing Trustee Dr. M. Puttaswamy offers floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, Secretary and Managing Trustee Kuber P. Gowda and Managing Trustee Prabha Puttaswamy chief guests, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar distributes prizes, College Principal Dr. S.S. Raje Urs presides, College Auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **11 am.**
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TODAY'S MATCHES (APRIL 17)

PBKS Vs **SRH** — 3.30 pm
DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai

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MCA Stadium, Pune

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